

(Washington, D.C.)—U.S. Representatives Tim Ryan (OH-17) and Jason Altmire (PA-4) today announced the agenda for the Tech Belt Forum scheduled for Monday, October 1, 2007, at Youngstown State University's DeBartolo Stadium Club. The meeting will draw business, academic and foundation leaders from the Cleveland-Akron-Youngstown-Pittsburgh area to discuss ways to foster greater regional economic cooperation and to create a "tech belt" that will create jobs and promote growth in advanced services and industries in Northeast Ohio and Western Pennsylvania. Topics for discussion include supporting and expanding research and development efforts, creating the talent pool necessary to sustain technology-based businesses, supporting entrepreneurship and innovation, and attracting venture capital to the region. This event is by invitation only.

The program will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. The major agenda items are as follows:

-John Austin, The Brookings Institute: *The Vital Center: A Federal-State Compact to Renew the Great Lakes Region*\*

-Remarks by Reps. Tim Ryan and Jason Altmire\*

-Press Availability\*

-Large Group Discussion: Technology Clusters: Today and in the Future, facilitated by  
Congressmen Tim Ryan and Jason Altmire

-Small Group Discussions: Research and Development, Talent Attraction, Media and  
Marketing, Financial Investment, Entrepreneurship and Innovation

-Norman Augustine, former CEO Lockheed Martin Corporation: *Rising Above the Gathering Storm*

-Large Group Discussion: Looking Forward and Next Steps, facilitated by John Austin

WHO: Rep. Tim Ryan (OH-17)  
John Austin, The Brookings Institute

Rep. Jason Altmire (PA-4)

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WHAT: Tech Belt Forum

WHERE: DeBartolo Stadium Club, Youngstown State University

WHEN: Monday, October 1, 2007 Program begins at 8:30 a.m. Congressional Remarks  
and Press availability at 9:30 a.m.